(b) whether the private Air Taxi operators are not atricity observing thos guidelines; and

(c) if so, what are the details of action taken against such private Air Taxi Operators?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The guidelines are indicated in the annexure. [*See* Appendix 170, annexure No. 6).

(b) and (c) The guidelines are generally being complied with the Air Taxi Operators as and when any deviation is noticed corrective action is taken.

Schemes for Development of Tourist Potential of Orissa

376. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Orissa is a potential State for tourists of various interest;

(b) if so, the steps taken to develop the tourist potential of Orissa;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, with effect from the 7th Plan Period to 1993-94, 48 schemes amounting to Rs. 648.59 lakhs have been sanctioned. Under the National Action Plan for Tourism, a travel circuit comprising Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark has also been identified for intensive development.

Operation of Air Taxis in Non-Metro-Polises

377. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to ask Air Taxi operators to spread their wings into areas other than Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. Air Taxi Operators are free to fly to any of the 93 airports open for scheduled operation. The quidelines for scheduled operation however contain such a provision.

(b) Does not arise.

Operations of Air Taxis in N.E.

378. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESWARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Taxi operators are operating their services in North-East, deep East and other unlinked areas; and

(b) if so, what are those areas?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The details of stations and private air taxi operators operating to North East are as under :—

Operators	Stations
East West Airlines	Guwahati.